

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1-7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) A device, comprising:
 - a main body portion defining a proximal end and a distal end and including a malleable portion fixedly positioned between the proximal and distal ends;
 - a deflectable portion ~~associated with~~ extending distally from the distal end of the main body portion and deflectable relative to the main body portion;
 - a steering mechanism, operably connected to the deflectable portion, that bends the deflectable portion relative to the main body portion; and
 - at least one operative element carried by the deflectable portion.
9. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the main body portion comprises a catheter body.
10. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion comprises a steering spring.
11. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion deflects in at least two directions.
12. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion deflects in at least four directions.

13. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one operative element comprises an electrode.

14. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one operative element comprises a plurality of spaced electrodes.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in ~~claim 15~~ claim 8, wherein the steering mechanism comprises at least one steering wire secured within the deflectable portion and movable relative to the main body portion.

17. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the steering mechanism further comprises a handle connected to the proximal end of the main body portion and to the at least one steering wire.

18. (New) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the deflectable portion is more flexible than the main body portion.

19. (New) A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the malleable portion is not part of the steering mechanism.

20. (New) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the malleable portion is not part of the at least one steering wire.

21. (New) A catheter, comprising:
a tubular catheter body including a tubular malleable portion and a distal portion that is distal of the tubular malleable portion;
a steering spring mounted within the tubular distal portion;

at least one steering wire that extends through the tubular malleable portion and is connected to the steering spring; and

at least one electrode carried by the distal portion of the tubular catheter body.

22. (New) A catheter as claimed in claim 21, wherein the distal portion is more flexible than the tubular malleable portion.

23. (New) A catheter as claimed in claim 21, wherein the at least one electrode comprises a plurality of spaced electrodes.

24. (New) A catheter as claimed in claim 21, wherein
the steering spring defines first and second sides;
the at least one steering wire comprises first and second steering wires;
the first steering wire is connected to the first side of the steering spring;
and
the second steering wire is connected to the second side of the steering spring.

25. (New) A catheter as claimed in claim 21, wherein the at least one steering wire is secured directly to the steering spring.